

# The Shakerite

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## Student Council Offices Filled; Karch, Brown, and Peirce Win

The new Student Council officers for the coming year are Sarge Karch, president; Don Brown, vice-president; and Janie Peirce, secretary. Runners-up were Jack Kovach, Hank Dimlich, and Mary Jane Price.

The announcement of the Student Council officers brought to an end one of the most exciting and colorful student election campaigns in the history of Shaker. The campaign started April 27 with gay posters, floaters, and other propaganda decorating the school and the students! Wednesday, April 29, the campaign managers introduced to the student body their candidates for the offices of Student Council president, vice-president, and secretary. Candidates for Student Council president and their campaign managers were, respectively: Sarge Karch, Bob Alfred, Jack Kovach, Jim Grossman, and Don Shagrin, Carmen Cimoroni. Candidates and their managers for Student Council vice-president were, respectively: Don Brown, Harold Richman, Hank Dimlich, Dick Clokey, and Jack Doyle, Bill Boardman. Candidates for secretary of Student Council and their campaign managers were, respectively: Barbara Cox, Sherry Falsgraf, Barbara Higgins, Janice Armstrong, Marnie McKee, Nora Richman; Janie Peirce, Jim Samartini; Mary Jane Price, Steve Lampl, Lynne Schiring, Lois Jaskulek.

The assembly was followed by the primaries in homerooms and Thursday morning the final elections were held with the largest number of voters in recent years voting.

It was the responsibility of the Civics Committee to check each candidate's qualifications and his campaign. The committee, advised by Mr. Klyver, acted as a Board of Elections, running and scheduling

### Bosshart Gets Fellowship

One of the members of Shaker's faculty will be in for a turnabout when he travels to Purdue University to participate in the General Electric Fellowship for Teachers of Mathematics in Secondary Schools. Mr. Bosshart of the mathematics department has received a great honor in being chosen as one of fifty teachers from the Midwestern area to be a student for a six-week period in the summer. The course that he will be taking will be connected with the application of mathematics in industry. It will be taught by the professors of the Indiana school for the purpose of enriching the backgrounds of high school teachers so they in turn may increase the knowledge of high school students.

### PTA Sells Posies

April in Paris—and seen about the boulevards and sidewalk cafes are the flower vendors, flooding the city with their violets. But May in Shaker Heights means geraniums, and this year is no exception as the annual P. T. A. geranium sale will be Saturday, May 23, from 10 until 3 p. m. in the Girls' Gym. (It's too late for Mother's Day, but just right for transplanting.) The flowers will be available in three colors, and cost only 65c per plant. Geraniums are very popular, so buyers should be early on Saturday, or better still, place an advance order with Mrs. Edgar Whanger, LO 1-5049, who heads the sale, or Mrs. S. C. Clokey, WA 1-4444.

the campaign. Members of the Civics Committee are as follows: Scott Cannell, chairman; Tom Friedman, Ann Ferguson, Ann Sherby; and Howie Nudelman.

The president presides over the Student Council, assemblies, and other school functions. He is the official representative of the school, leader of the students, and instigator of new ideas. The vice-president heads Boosters and the Dement Panel. The secretary takes minutes at executive committee meetings and Student Council meetings, helps to prepare the agenda, and prepares the memoranda. All the officers are members of the executive committee.

The treasurers for next year's Student Council were appointed after passing a Civil Service examination. The treasurers are Buddy Daus, business manager; Finny Bloomfield, athletic manager; Gaynell Smith and Eleanor Rosene, co-treasurers.

Gail Glueck

### Thespians Elect Members

Per usual, after a major dramatic production, Shaker's Thespian troupe voted in students with adequate points for membership. These new members, initiated May 1, include Dennis Kelly, Tom Peterson, Barbara Higgins, Jean Bloomenthal, Bill Morris, Kent Wiley, Carol Mittenick, Mike Smukler, and Ted Janko. These pupils earned fifty points working on two major plays to gain membership.

Also at this meeting, next year's officers were elected. They are Melinda Shuster, president, Helen Diekey, vice-president, Marilyn Howell, secretary, Alice Saunders, social chairman, Toby Glassman, program chairman, and Don Viny, treasurer-business manager. The officers will also organize next year's Dramatic Production Club and Dramatic Workshop.

### Wordsters Vie in Spelling Contest

Shaker's leading speller, according to the Press Spelling Contest, is Elizabeth Deutsch. So excellent were the sophomore spellers, that three different contests were required to determine this winner. The first was held in the classrooms, in order that the class champion might be chosen; the second was held after school on April 15, resulting in a tie between Larry Gusman and Elizabeth Deutsch for first place, Ruth Perry and Lynn Jonas for second. The third and final contest was held on Wednesday, April 22, at which time Elizabeth became the school winner.

Although Elizabeth proved to be victorious in this contest, she won by only a small margin, for she and Larry kept tying repeatedly, thus making it necessary for them to take three successive tests to determine the winner.

Our leading spellers had no difficulty with such well-known giant-killers as *fricasse*, *heterogeneous*, and *verisimilitude*, but Elizabeth missed a comparatively easy word, *battalion*, and Larry misspelled *deficiency*.



Richard Sindell

More "Venus," left to right: Dick Kramer, Larry Kahanowitch, Paul Fredrix, Virginia Webb, and Eleanor Rosene.

Tax stamp winner was Room 123, Carol Simon, chairman. Runners-up were Room 100, led by Ray Bergman, and Room 308, directed by Alan Mink. The drive netted \$130.10.

## Psychiatrist Joins Shaker Staff; Dr. Markey New Consultant

On Monday, April 13, at 3 p. m. in the Junior High School Auditorium, Mr. Slade introduced to the staff Dr. Oscar B. Markey, the new consultant psychiatrist for the Shaker Schools. Dr. Markey will advise principals and teachers on mental health and will diagnose a child's difficulties if the parents, along with the principal and teacher, agree to such a plan. He will not do any actual treating but will simply offer suggestions to parents and teachers.

### Time Out for Boosters

Boosters are human too! Yes, believe it or not, these ever-watchful demons of the school like to have fun and play like anyone else. That's why a big picnic is going to be given just for them in appreciation of the excellent work which they have done this year. At 3:30, after school, on Friday, May 29, they will leave for Squaw Rock. Transportation will be by bus. There, at Squaw Rock, entertainment and fun will await this group, which is comprised of from sixty to seventy boys and girls. The entire picnic is being planned by Miss Young, Mr. Morris, the sponsor of the booster force, and Earl Biederman, the head of it. There will be baseball games, song sheets so that everyone can join in the singing, and, of course, lots of food. If the sun will co-operate it will be a wonderful affair.

### Try Council Amendment

This week the teachers and students voted on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Shaker High Association changing the time of elections of Student Council representatives from fall to spring. Although the Student Council approved this amendment on April 14, it had to be ratified by a two-thirds majority of students and teachers in order to become legally adopted.

Article IV, Section 5, was to be amended to read:

Time of elections. Election of those Student Council members who are to represent the 11th and 12th grades shall be held the first two weeks in May preceding the school year they are to serve. Election of those Student Council members who are to represent the 10th grade shall be held the second week of the fall semester. Elections of Student Council members shall precede all other school elections.

## Choir Trips the Light Fantastic With 'One Touch of Venus'

Broadway has come to Shaker! *One Touch of Venus* will be here for a two-night stand May 15 and 16. This musical, written by Kurt Weill and Ogden Nash as a starring vehicle for Mary Martin, features at Shaker a star-studded cast of A Cappella Choir members. The production has already been in rehearsal for a month and a half. The leads have been working with Mr. Crosby, learning lines and business, while the two dance groups, with the assistance of Mr. Ellis and Elaine Moskowitz, are learning dance routines that range all the way from interpretive dancing to chorus lines. Songs such as "Speak Low," "One Touch of Venus," "Wooden Wedding," and "The Trouble With Women," with additional lyrics by Ed Berger, help to make the show a hit. There are several numbers expected to "bring down the house."

The story is of a five-thousand-year-old statue of Venus (Virginia Webb) that comes to life. She falls in love with barber Rodney Hatch (Larry Kahanowitch) who is a naive boy in love with Gloria Kramer (Pat Wolf). Venus is loved in return by man-of-the-world Whitelaw Savory (Scott Cannell), sponsor of a modern art school. The whole play is a merry chase, during which Gloria disappears, and Rodney is charged with murder.

Staging *Venus* requires a lot of behind-the-scenes work. Sets were designed and executed by Mr. Caldwell and his crew. The amount of their work may be estimated when it is realized that there are eleven scenes. Props are being handled by Nancy Kemper and Carole Lanese and their crew. Among the many props which they procured are a barber's chair and an in-a-dor bed. Costumes, make-up, and publicity are also being taken care of. Student directors are Dick Hall and Barbara Bell.

Others in the cast include Sally Maras as Molly Grant; Carmen Cimoroni, Taxi Black; Nancy Lewis, Mrs. Kramer; Don Brown, Stanley. Also featured are Joan Finn, Dick Maroney, Randall Luke, Dave Evans, Dick Kramer, Sally Fullerton, Howard Filston, Paul Fredrix, Eleanor Rosene, Steve Kutler, and Paul Janota.

Donna Stillwell



Richard Sindell

"One Touch of Venus," left to right: Scott Cannell, Sally Maras, Virginia Webb.

### Schnerer Rated Superior

Gary Schnerer of Shaker High was among a group of young Cleveland area musicians winning "superior" ratings April 25 at the annual state junior festival of the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. Gary, who plays first violin in the Senior High orchestra, won in the very difficult violin solo class and also as a member of the medium difficult string quartet entry.

## Students' Mobiles Entertain Rainbow Hospital Children

Visitors in the art room recently have probably noticed several suspended, revolving units of various shapes and sizes. These are mobiles made of cardboard, cloth, nylon thread, and thin wire.

Mr. Jeffery's fourth-period advanced art class is making these mobiles for the children in the wards at Rainbow Hospital for Crippled Children. Students are using motifs that will appeal to the interests of young children: fish, birds, insects, airplanes, circus figures, and nursery rhyme characters. The currents of air in the room cause the mobiles to move so as to present many different views. Each piece of the mobile turns separately while the complete unit also slowly revolves.

Each art student will take his mobile to the hospital and hang it from the ceiling where the crippled children can watch it from their beds.

## Off-Campus Chatter

The activities at Shaker and at other high schools around the country are much alike.

At Collegian High School in Baltimore, Maryland, the students are considering a proposed honor system identical to the one suggested in classes at Shaker.

Recently at Cleveland's East High, the seniors sponsored a Mardi Gras, complete with costumes and confetti.

Construction has begun at Lakewood High for tennis courts, a girls' athletic field, and a greenhouse.

Quite a few of the schools in Ohio have held programs in honor of the Sesquicentennial Rocky River, John Adams, and Lakewood are three schools having large celebrations.

Parma High School will send one student to Europe this summer. He is going on an American Field Service International Scholarship, a program to promote good will among the youths of the world.

At John Hay a unique club is beginning. As members, students may enroll their home gardens. Awards, varying from certificates to medals, will be given in June for achievement in the gardening field.

Both Akron Buchtel and Lakewood have become more cosmopolitan. A boy from Greece is now making his home in Akron, while a junior at Lakewood claims England as his home. Both new students love the schools they go to and both have intentions of becoming American citizens.

Several weeks ago, classes of students from various high schools went to New York and Washington. The seniors at Columbus' University

## Seniors Scatter

Shaker's seniors will be scattered over many different parts of the country next year at many different colleges. Among the lucky ones who already know where they are going are Barb Larson, Joan Blanca, Eileen Flaherty, and Carole Madorsky, who are all set for Northwestern. Also going west to DePaul are Janet Peters and Dick Maroney. Nora Richman will be Shaker's one representative at Bard, while Joanne Finney is going to Muskingum and Sara Phipps to Allegheny. Jim Samartini will be heading for Colgate, Randall Luke for Duke, and Harlan Givelber for Cornell.

Ducky Uher says she is going to major in skunk and horseback riding at Middlebury, while Mignon Regal is taking nurse's training at Mt. Sinai. Marcia Papish and Lorrie Ginsburg have chosen Centenary and La Salle Junior Colleges, respectively. Staying nearer home are Nancy Kemper, Judy Glezen, Barbara Giesey, Nancy Quinn, and Jean Wood, who are going to Ohio Wesleyan, while Shirley Obrock and Marilyn Vaughan are going to Wooster. Sonja Van Horn, Janice Rapport, Rochelle Bernstein, and Roberta Bailus will be here in Cleveland at Mather.

## CEP Classes Run City Hall

Storming City Hall en masse, eager, if not experienced, seniors directed the activities of Shaker Heights from 10 to 12 a. m. on Saturday, April 25.

Bill Freund, elected from the CEP classes, was acting mayor in this educational practice, originated and developed by the Heights Rotary Club. Barbara Yoelson took over as the mayor's secretary.

Greeted by Mayor John Barkley, Mrs. Ruth Walker (secretary) and department heads, the seniors soon began actual administrative duties, after Mr. Richard Klyver had thanked the Heights Rotary Club

and the Shaker Heights City government for co-operating with the school's Citizenship Project classes.

The council, composed of Barbara Larson, Ardis Allen, Judy Arnold, Carol Madorsky, Marjorie Matter, Laura Goodman and Mary Althans, passed three resolutions in their brief session.

Other seniors were directing offices as follows: Dave Demson, Law, with Jane McLaughlin, secretary; Louis Salvatore, Service, with Kit-sy Barber, secretary; Stan Bernstein, Finance, with Pat Bidle, secretary; Polly Sohlbach, Transportation, and Sonja Van Horn, secretary; Joan Blanca, Health, and Betty Sekedy, secretary; Jim Grossman, Police; Dick Kaplan, Fire; Judy Sturgis, Traffic; and Nancy Quinn, Detective Bureau.

## -Barb's Banter-

### May Daze:

In spite of the fact that spring brings baseball, track, tennis, and numerous other sports, it also brings romance to quite a few Shaker couples. Just a few of the current twosomes seen in the halls recently are Nelle Carter and Dick Morris, Dave Speck and Muriel Moss, Janice Armstrong and Vic Samuelson, and Mary Lou Higdon and Bob Cashen. To Sherry Bassett and Tom Halter, this column presents a special Marathon Romance award. It's been about 2½ years since they first started going together.

Abstract notes dished up by a roving reporter with big eyes and ears:

The first-period choir is really going all out for *One Touch of Venus* to be given later this month. . . . Some of those lucky people who went to Florida for spring vacation have peeling noses now. . . . All our Shaker glamour girls are sportin' new and pretty spring cottons now that warm weather is here to stay (?). Notice the seniors with that "graduation look" in their eyes. . . . The staff of the Gristmill is keeping strictly "mum" about the finished product, but rumor has it that it will really be terrific. . . . It's also been noised about that there is going to be a snack bar in the new social wing. Keep your fingers crossed. . . . The faculty party held on April 16 for the Junior High faculty sounded really gay, some of those teachers sure can sing.

### Department of Hopeful Thinking

That all students who have A's would be excused from final exams. . . . That we might have good weather for the Starlight Stomp.

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Top, left to right: Barbara Yoelson, Mrs. Ruth Walker, Mayor John Barkley, Bill Freund. Middle: C. E. P. members at Shaker City Hall. Bottom: Jim Grossman and Dick Kaplan.

## West Pointer Wins

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## Wings Add Space, Beauty to Building

At the end of last summer to the north and south of the Senior High Building the mixing of cement and the pounding of hammers began. All year this work has continued so that next fall will see two new additions—an instrumental wing and a social wing.

The instrumental wing to the south will be one of the most modern and ideal in this part of the country. On the first floor it will have seven practice rooms, two locker rooms, one full-size classroom, a uniform room, and an instrument storage room. On the second there will be a vast rehearsal room, another storage room for instruments, a music library, and several offices. The building is to have an inter-communicating system whereby the activities of any practice room can be heard in the offices.

The north wing will be equally outstanding. The ground floor will be used for social activities. A formal lounge will be complete with a fireplace and small dancing area. The lounge will open into the Girls' Gym and take the overflow when there are social events. There will be a snack bar with everything from nuts to hamburgers, a check-room, a game room, and two powder rooms (one for girls with shiny noses and one for boys with crooked neckties). The upstairs floor will be occupied by the choir. They will have five practice rooms, a library for music, a conference room, a room for the robes, and a rehearsal room.

The interior decorating is being planned by a committee made up of Mrs. Brammer, Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Carney, Mrs. Carothers, Mr. Jeffery, Mr. Rupp, Mr. Slade, and Miss Young. This committee is working from the blueprints for the selection of furniture, and is now in the process of planning the color scheme.

The Social Council will have a big job organizing the new wing. They are soliciting the co-operation of the entire school to help them in taking care of it.

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"What's going on?" I asked innocently. From the jumbled replies of the group, who looked rather disheveled, I learned of the Mending Bar in a corner of the fitting room. Since so many Shakerites had been coming in for various repairs, the Mending Bar was opened last fall. It consists of a shelf of necessary materials to keep a Shakerite looking well-groomed all day, such as needles, a variety of threads, scissors, safety pins, and stain removers which work wonders on anything from gravy to bubble-gum. Also, a zipper repair kit was donated to the Bar.

While I was being assisted in the necessary mending, Mrs. Marlow told me of the surprising number of students who drop by for repairs, many of them boys who also are conscious of their appearance. With such a setup, the school should soon say good-bye to Messy Minnie and Sloppy Sam Shakerite.

## With— Lookin' and Listenin'

—Len

Attention, Christian Dior! Fashion note: Shakerites are sporting the season's most popular colors: Florida Tan and Measles Red. They are being worn separately or in combination. And speaking of measles, we predict an alarming increase in illness if our bona fide movie star, Joan Iove, has success in securing recruits to the nursing profession from among the ranks of our pretty co-eds with her picture, *My Cap Is My Crown*. Who wouldn't like his temperature taken by the gals in white!

And have you thought about the break grandmas get these days, thanks to our understanding school rule-makers? The poor dears don't have to die off in hordes on the day of the baseball opener.

Department of "Would You Believe It"—that we'd ever hand over the long green for the privilege of taking a test? Incredible—well, how do you expect to fare on the College Boards?

Betcha Mr. Crosby could take over Bob Feller's job after listening (?) to Gordon Glaser's fifteen-minute oration on "How to Pitch." Note: time limit was eight minutes.

Sometimes it's an excellent idea to follow in a successful brother's footsteps. Ask Dennis Goodman—he won't agree. He was the poor soul who followed too closely behind his brother Jack with football season ducats. Total for the day: Jack 23, Dennis 0. After all, there's a limit to what the traffic will bear.

What popular senior has what math teacher in a tizzy with his

gum chewing in class? Smalley wonder poor Miss Bowen has difficulty concentrating on geometry third period.

Latest figures show Herron's Ice Cream Company definitely in the black. They can thank Bob Funk for his daily gallon consumption. A cool cat, if ever there was one!

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Although there are only two more assemblies to be held for the rest of the year, they are ones which are interesting to all Shakerites. On Tuesday, May 12, the Athletic Awards Assembly will be held and Wednesday, May 27, is the day of the Senior Assembly.

The Athletic Awards will be given to Shaker's outstanding athletes who have participated in the spring sports program consisting of track, baseball, golf, and tennis.

The Senior Assembly, last but not least, is presented to honor the graduating senior class. The class will march in their commencement order and there will be a prominent Cleveland as the speaker. The names of those who have received scholarships, entrance to various colleges, and honorary awards will be read and acknowledged.

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# Euclid Drops Shaker From LEL Playoffs, 10-1; Red Raiders Meet Lutheran High Next

## Shaker Upsets Heights, 6-1; Drop Season Opener to Shaw, 2-0

Up to the time of LEL play-off on Monday, April 24, between the two division winners, the Red Raider nine has registered an unimpressive 1-2 mark against LEL competition in its division. The only highlight of Shaker's first three games was its 6-1 upset victory over its neighborhood rivals, the Cleveland Heights Tigers, who at the beginning of the season were picked by most experts to go to the state tournament this year.

Tomorrow afternoon Shaker takes a day off from LEL play when it is host to Lutheran High at 2. On Monday, Coach Fred Heinlen and his team travel to Lakewood. In the last six years the Ranger team has never finished lower than second place in a season. The following Monday the Red Raiders entertain the Pioneers from Elyria, and it's Shaker's last game against LEL opposition that counts in the final league standings.

Shaker dropped its opener of the 1953 campaign, which was delayed nine days because of inclement weather, to the Shaw Cardinals 2-0. Jim Gunder allowed only 2 hits, while his teammates collected 4 safeties off Dick Moore's offerings and pushed across 2 unearned runs in the last of the fourth to win. If the game had been played under any better weather conditions and on smoother infield, the score could easily have been reversed.

In the Heights game Shaker jolted the Tigers' play-off hopes by spilling them 6-1, but actually in the record books the game goes down as a forfeit. The umpire awarded the decision to Shaker because of the heckling from the Tigers' coach over a called strike in the seventh inning.

Rod Smith went all the way striking out 10 and walking 5 to hang up

his first victory of the season. Only one Heights batter hit a fly ball to the outfield, and that was a short fly in right center in which Mort Janko came up with the play of the day with a diving somersault catch. Batting stars were Mort Janko with 2 singles and 2 RBI's, and Noel Slagle and George King, with 2 singles apiece. Shaker showed plenty of speed on the base paths, stealing 10 bases, high-lighted by King's theft of home in the third frame.

After throwing the race in a four-way tie, Shaker was soundly trounced the following afternoon at the hands of last year's LEL champs, the Euclid Panthers, by a 10-1 score. Shaker was able to get only 3 hits off Phil Borovic. Slagle and Eston got singles, and Karch contributed a double.



Dick Slowey takes a first in the high jump to clinch Shaker's victory in the Hilltop meet.

## Spivak and Balazs Set Team Pace As Juniors Win Inter-Class Meet

Taking eight out of twelve first places, the junior class copped top honors in the inter-class track meet with 57 points. The senior team trailed in second with 51 points and the sophomores brought up the rear at 21 points. John Spivak won three first places and Paul Balazs took two for the victors. Guy Conkey captured two firsts for the seniors.

Two of Spivak's firsts came in the mile and half-mile runs. His third first was registered in the high jump as he tied with Dick Slowey. Balazs' firsts came in the two hurdle events while Bill Korecky pulled up second both times. Conkey captured the 100- and 220-yard dashes. Other firsts for the juniors were registered in the shot put by Bob Branand, and in the 440-yard dash as Bill Boardman edged out Steve Lampl. Steve came back, however, to tie Jim Breitwig in the broad jump. Jim was the only sophomore to take a first. Rog Samet picked up another first for the seniors by taking the discus throw. The seniors' other victory came in the 880-yard relay.

The track team as a whole was unsuccessful in its bid for a good showing at the Mansfield Relays. Pitted against the outstanding teams of the state, Shaker's only two points were scored by her outstanding shot putter, Bob Wheeler, as he took fourth place. Bill Freund and Guy Conkey gained the semi-finals in the 100-yard dash but failed to advance any further.

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## Thinclads Win Hilltop Meet

At the 26th annual Hilltop track meet Shaker ended Cleveland Heights' two-year reign by edging their neighborhood rivals 65 3/4 to 59 3/4. University School finished third with 22 1/2 points. In capturing their twelfth Hilltop victory Shaker took seven first places.

Guy Conkey set a new Shaker track record in the 220-yard dash with a time of 22.6 seconds. In the 180-yard low hurdles Paul Balazs tied the school, track and Hilltop record with a time of 22.2.

The following took first places also for Shaker: Bill Korecky, 120-yard high hurdles; Bob Wheeler, shot put; Jim Breitweg, 440-yard dash; Steve Lampl, broad jump; and Dick Slowey, high jump.

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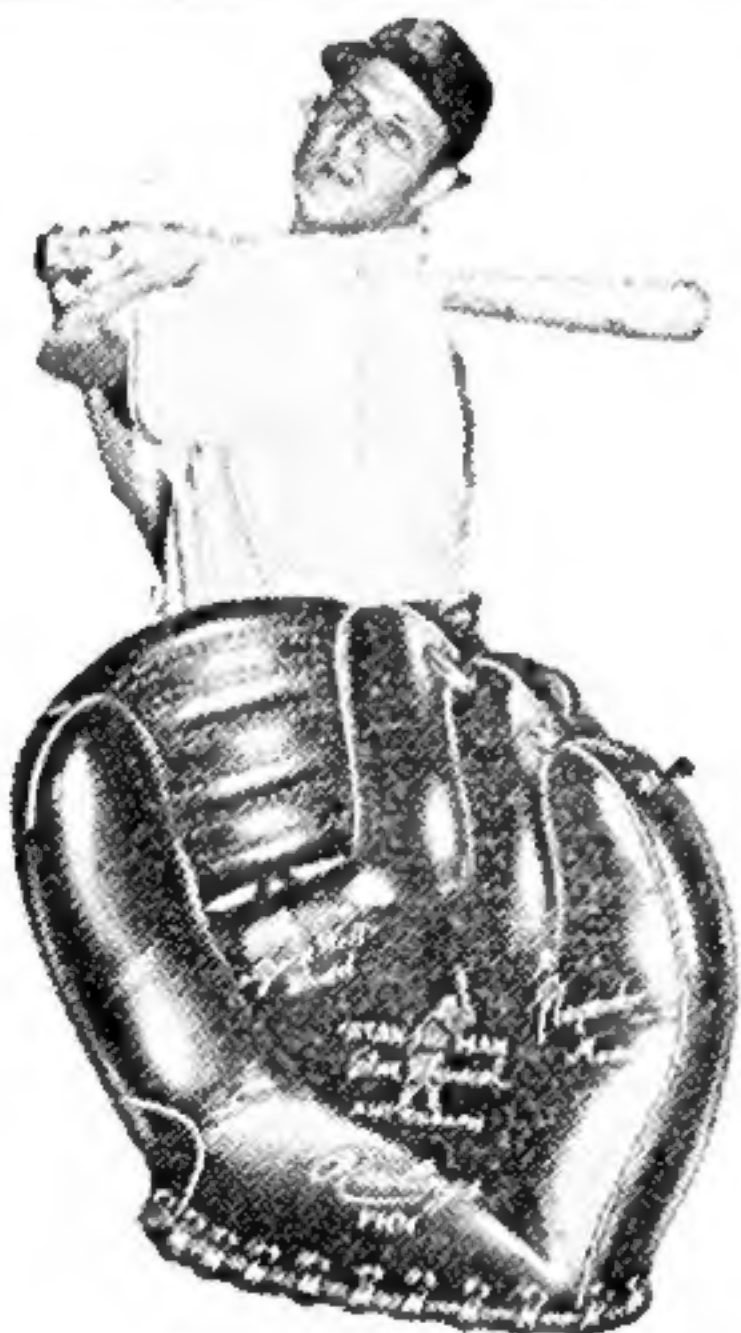
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